

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES-DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
OLDER ADULTS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION**

DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFER OPPORTUNITY

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PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKER II

The Older Adult Program Administration, Partners in Suicide Prevention, is seeking a highly motivated and well organized individual to fill the full-time position of Psychiatric Social Worker II. The Partners in Suicide Prevention (PSP) Team for Children, Transition Age Youth (TAY), Adults and Older Adults is funded by Proposition 63, the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). This innovative program offered by the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH) is designed to increase public awareness on suicide and reduce stigma associated with seeking mental health and substance abuse services. DMH is interested in developing expertise in suicide prevention and early intervention strategies. Among the PSP Team members, the PSW II is expected to have knowledge and expertise in the field of suicide prevention. Principle job roles include training and consultation with directly operated DMH staff, contract providers, organizations, and community-based agencies relative to: best practices in early identification of risk factors for suicide and depression; age-appropriate treatment/intervention strategies; and resource development and education to increase public awareness. .

Examples of duties:

- Promote public awareness on early detection and intervention.
- Identify natural communities and link to DMH network providers.
- Identify cultural barriers to suicide prevention and integrate culturally competent practices into suicide prevention and early intervention programs.
- Work with community agencies to reduce stigma associated with mental illness, substance abuse and suicide.
- Identify and promote evidence based screening tools for early detection and early intervention of suicide.
- Provide education, information, consultation and training to directly operated, contract providers and community agencies at risk and protective factors; and evidence based and promising practice treatment interventions.
- Build alliances with community agencies to expand resource and capacity within the age group such as faith based communities, schools, grass root organizations and other community based organizations.
- Develop a resource manual that identifies suicide prevention by age groups.
- Participate in countywide steering committees such as the Los Angeles County Suicide Prevention Network that address suicide prevention, intervention and postvention.
- Assist providers with integrating suicide prevention programs within the continuum of care.
- Develop age-group specific expertise in older adults but also collaborate and cross train with other team members.
- Travel countywide for training and presentations in the community.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:

- Licensed Psychiatric Social Worker
- Prior experience providing direct clinical services to children, adolescents, adults and/or older adults
- Demonstrates strong interdepartmental collaboration and communication skills to promote successful program outcomes
- Strong clinical and communication skills
- Experience in suicide prevention and intervention (preferred)

- Proficiency in Microsoft Outlook, Word, Excel and Access
- Ability to multi-task throughout the day
- Flexibility and ability to prioritize and adjust priorities as needed

Individuals currently holding the position of Psychiatric Social Worker II are encouraged to submit their resume, master time card and Performance Evaluations for the past two years for review and further consideration to:

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The deadline for submission is December 31, 2013.

Come join our Older Adult Partners in Suicide Prevention Team!